

HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 1042

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A RESOLUTION to honor the memory of Robert B. Anderson of Jonesborough.

WHEREAS, the members of this General Assembly were greatly saddened to learn of the passing of Robert B. Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson was an exemplary public servant and consummate professional who worked assiduously to improve the quality of life for his fellow citizens in numerous capacities; and

WHEREAS, embodying the best of his community, Mr. Anderson was taught the value of service to others by his parents, Kenneth and Virginia Bowen Anderson; and

WHEREAS, born in Poughkeepsie, New York, Mr. Anderson had been a resident of Jonesborough for over fifty years; and

WHEREAS, after attending Tusculum College, he received his Bachelor of Science degree from East Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, he honorably served as a member of the U.S. Army Reserve in Poughkeepsie, New York, and Abingdon, Virginia; and

WHEREAS, after working as an insurance salesman for several years, Mr. Anderson began his basketball coaching career at Tri Cities Christian School in 1974, serving with the utmost ability and integrity until 2007, earning the respect and admiration of his colleagues, faculty, school administration, parents, and players alike for the exceptional quality of his work; and

WHEREAS, Coach Anderson served as an inspiration to the boys and girls he coached; a consummate teacher, motivator, and counselor with tremendous passion, he stood as an exemplary role model for youth, pushing his players and students to do their best in all their chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, during his illustrious tenure at Tri Cities Christian School, his teams were always well disciplined and competitive, and in 1975, his varsity boys basketball team won the national championship in Tampa, Florida, at the CEEA National Invitational Basketball Tournament; and

WHEREAS, his indelible legacy of humility, integrity, character, and hard work can be felt in the hearts and minds of his many former players, creating a lasting influence carried forward throughout their lives; and

WHEREAS, no stranger to awards and accolades, he was recognized and honored with induction into the Tri Cities Christian School Hall of Fame; and

WHEREAS, one of the most respected and esteemed figures in high school basketball competition, Coach Anderson possessed coaching skills and abilities which garnered him the admiration of basketball fans and purists throughout the State of Tennessee; and

WHEREAS, Coach Robert B. Anderson demonstrated a remarkable ability to motivate his players to reach their fullest potential, and he exemplified the unquestionable character and stalwart determination that are characteristic of a true Tennessean; and

WHEREAS, deeply devoted to his family, he always endeavored to remain true to family values of the highest order; and

WHEREAS, Mr. Anderson enjoyed the loving companionship of his wife, Carolyn; and

WHEREAS, he was the proud and loving father of his sons, Dr. A.K. Anderson and Kevin Anderson; and

WHEREAS, Coach Robert Anderson leaves behind an indelible legacy of integrity and probity in public life, compassion and loyalty in private life, and diligence and dedication in all his chosen endeavors; and

WHEREAS, it is fitting that this General Assembly should pause to remember the bountiful life of this exceptional human being; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED SIXTH GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we honor the memory of Robert B. Anderson, reflecting fondly upon his

impeccable character and his stalwart commitment to living the examined life with courage and conviction.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that we express our sympathy and offer our condolences to the family of Robert B. Anderson.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.